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CAPT. ROSTRON RECEIVES MEDAL

President Taft Presents Insignia of Honor to Captain of the Carpathia.

TRIBUTE BY CONGRESS

Ambassador Bryce Also Confers on Seaman American Cross of Honor.

President Taft yesterday presented to Capt. A. H. Roston, of the Carpathia, the gold medal voted by Congress last July, in recognition of his services in going to the rescue of the 706 persons who escaped the sinking of the Titanic. One of those who witnessed the presentation was Mrs. Lucien F. Smith, daughter of Representative Hughes, of Huntington, W. Va., who was returning with her husband from their honeymoon trip to Europe on the Titanic when the vessel sank. Her husband lost his life.

Capt. and Mrs. Roston were presented to the President by Ambassador Bryce. In bestowing the medal the President referred to the resolution of Congress which authorized him to have the medal made, and to present it to Capt. Roston. The President recalled that immediately upon the receipt of the wireless call of distress from the Titanic, the captain gave the order for the Carpathia to be turned around and steered a definite course toward the sinking liner.

Worthy of Highest Praise. He emphasized the importance of the precautions taken by Roston in setting out upon his voyage of rescue, and in providing for in advance the needs of the persons to be rescued. He read from the report of the Senate committee which investigated the disaster, and which "deemed the course followed by Capt. Roston as deserving the highest praise, and worthy of especial recognition." In closing the President said: "It is a great pleasure to be made the medium of conveying to you a nation's gratitude for the work which you have done and to say to you that what you have done—and I could not give higher praise—is worthy of the record in history of English sailors."

FOOD SHOW IN FALL.

Retail Grocers Plan Exhibition in Convention Hall.

Washington is to have another food show. At a meeting of the board of trustees of the Retail Grocers' Protective Association, held Wednesday, a committee was appointed to obtain Convention Hall for a two weeks' display of foodstuffs. The committee has arranged for the use of the big inclosure for the period from November 2 to 15, inclusive. The show will have the title of the National Food Show, and will be given under the management of Perry P. Patrick, secretary of the association.

The following are the officers of the Retail Grocers' Protective Association, which is a member of the National Association of Retail Grocers of the United States: J. H. Goodrich, president; G. E. Bohannon, first vice president; C. V. Sparrow, second vice president; A. G. Schmidt, treasurer; Perry P. Patrick, secretary; Charles F. Fickes, attorney. Trustees—F. A. Dodge, J. Brayshaw, Jr., M. J. Whelan, R. E. Robinson, H. C. Rothert, R. E. Smith, L. P. Lohry, R. A. Rollins, J. E. Dingle, H. C. Robinson, and R. E. W. Schmidt.

HASKELL SUPPORTS BILL.

Superintendent Wants "Net-weight Package Law."

Enactment of the "net-weight package law" is again being urged by Col. W. C. Haskell, superintendent of weights and measures. He transmitted a report to the District Commissioners yesterday, setting forth that the bill pending in Congress would be the most effective means of remedying local conditions in respect to the sale of coal.

Under the present laws, which allow the dealer to make use of an indefinite measure, the poor frequently have been misled when buying coal in small quantities, he adds. In some cases they have paid for their coal at the rate of \$18.50 a ton. Col. Haskell states in his report that these evils can be corrected under a "net-weight package law," and recommends that the Commissioners urge its passage upon Congress.

GRAY'S TERM SHORTENED.

President Commutes Sentence of Washingtonian to Six Months.

President Taft yesterday commuted the three year sentence of Oden B. Gray, convicted last October in the District Supreme Court of forgery, to six months. Gray was convicted of forging his brother's name to a check for \$50. Those seeking clemency in his case declared to Parson Attorney Finch and President Taft that Gray bore a good reputation and was under the influence of liquor at the time the act was committed.

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LOCAL MENTION.

EXCURSIONS TO-DAY.

Steamer Charles Manchester leaves from foot of Seventh Street Southwest for Mount Vernon, home and tomb of Washington, daily, except Sunday, at 10 a. m. and 1:30 p. m. Norfolk and Washington Steamship Company's steamers from foot of Seventh Street for Old Point Comfort and Norfolk daily at 6:30 p. m. Cars from Fifteenth Street and New York Avenue every quarter hour for main entrance Zoo Park and Cherry Chase. To Great Falls-Washington and Old Dominion Railroad cars every few minutes from Thirtieth and M Streets. To Mount Vernon-Washington Railway cars every hour on the hour from 9 a. m. to 2 p. m. last car. Station, Twelfth Street and Pennsylvania Avenue.

"Henry III." Great feature of history. Virginia Theater. Don't miss it.

5,000 WOMEN PRAYING FOR GOOD WEATHER

Organization Composed of Both Suffragists and Anti-Has Sandwiches Prepared for 40,000.

The 5,000 women who comprise the District of Columbia Federation of Women's Clubs are praying for clear skies to-morrow, when they hope by the sale of sandwiches and coffee on the street and a hot lunch in the big tent adjoining D. A. R. Hall, in Seventeenth Street, to make several thousand dollars for their building fund.

A modern clubhouse is the desire of the federation, now composed of twenty-two separate organizations as follows: Aid Association for the Blind, Capitol Hill History Club, Chapter B. P. E. O.; Columbia Heights Art Club, Congress of Mothers, Woman's Christian Temperance Union, District of Columbia Woman's Suffrage Association, Evermay Club, Excelsior Literary Club, Georgetown Industrial Center, Housekeepers' Alliance, Ladies' Union Veteran Legion, Legion of Loyal Women, Philo-Claudes, Pro-Re-Nata, Washington Alliance of Jewish Women, Washington City Kindergarten Club, Woman's Blindery Union, Woman's Clinic, Woman's League of the National Junior Republic, Woman's National Press Association, Woman's National Rivers and Harbors Congress (Washington section).

Temporary headquarters of the District of Columbia Federation is on the eleventh floor of the Woodward Building, Fifteenth and H Streets, where all visiting clubwomen and others will be welcome during the week of the inauguration, to rest, to attend to their correspondence, or just to "visit." Mrs. Edward Olney, Miss Hill, and Miss Ford, of the ways and means committee, are hostesses at headquarters, and will serve tea each afternoon. Tuesday evening from 8 to 10, the ways and means committee, invites all members of the Federation, with their friends, and all other clubwomen who may be in Washington, to a reception to meet Mrs. William E. Andrews, the president of the District of Columbia Federation of Women's Clubs.

The women of the various committees are busy, not only with preparations for the lunch on Monday and the reception on Tuesday, but in explaining to many persons each day that the District of Columbia Federation of Women's Clubs is not a suffrage organization, that the headquarters in the Woodward Building is not a suffrage stronghold, and that the money realized from the lunch on Monday is not for the suffrage cause, but for a nucleus of a building fund to build a big clubhouse for the federation.

There are many individuals in the federation who are ardent suffragists, notably Mrs. Harvey W. Wiley, president of the Housekeepers' Alliance, but also many others who are just as ardent anti-suffragists.

Yesterday the managers who have the sandwich sale movement in charge, purchased 5,000 loaves of bread of Haver's bakery, and Mrs. W. D. Higelow, who is looking after the making of the sandwiches, stated to a representative of The Washington Herald last night that a hundred members of the clubs, and their husbands, too, would begin at 10 o'clock this morning the sandwich making, in a large bread room at Haver's bakery, specially assigned them for this purpose by the courtesy of E. Charlton Graves, of Haver's. Great quantities of ham and cheese will be used, and the work of assembling and wrapping this unique sandwich supply will continue all day.

W. B. WILSON HONORED.

Colleague Give Representative Diamond Masonic Charm.

Representative W. B. Wilson of Pennsylvania, chairman of the House Labor Committee, received a handsome present from members of his committee yesterday as a farewell token.

Mr. Wilson is a thirty-second degree Mason, and the gift was a diamond-studded Masonic insignia. Mr. Wilson was defeated for re-election last November, and his committee is united behind a strong boom for his appointment to the Labor portfolio in the event of President Taft's signing the bill creating the new department.

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